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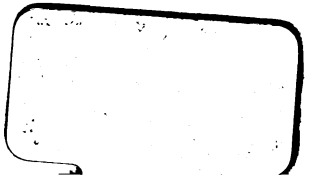

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A Catechiſm,

that is to ſay,

An Inſtruction to be learned of every Perſon, before he be brought to be confirmed by the Biſhop.

Queſtion.

WHAT is your Name?

Anſw. *N.* or *M.*

Queſt. Who gave you this Name?

Anſw. My Godfathers and Godmothers in my Baptiſm; wherein I was made a member of Chriſt, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

Queſt. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

Anſw. They did promiſe and vow three things in my name. Firſt, that I ſhould renounce the devil and all his works, the

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commandments, and walk in the ſame
the days of my life.

Queſt. Doſt thou not think that
art bound to believe, and to do, as
have promiſed for thee?

Anſw. Yes verily; and by God's
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venly Father, that he hath called me
this ſtate of ſalvation, through Jeſus Chr
our Saviour. And I pray unto God
give me his grace, that I may contin
in the ſame unto my life's end.

Catechiſt. Rehearſe the Articles
thy Belief.

Anſwer.

I Believe in God the Father A
mighty, Maker of heaven an
earth:
And in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son ou
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pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the ſinful luſts of the fleſh. Secondly, that I ſhould believe all the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith. And thirdly, that I ſhould keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the ſame all the days of my life.

Queſt. Doſt thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promiſed for thee?

Anſw. Yes verily; and by God's help ſo I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this ſtate of ſalvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the ſame unto my life's end.

Catechiſt. Rehearſe the Articles of thy Belief.

Anſwer.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead,

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and buried, He deſcended into hell; The third day he roſe again from the dead, He aſcended into heaven, And ſitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he ſhall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghoſt; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveneſs of ſins; The Reſurrection of the body; And the Life everlaſting. Amen.

Queſt. What doſt thou chiefly learn in theſe Articles of thy Belief?

Anſw. Firſt, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghoſt, who ſanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

Queſt. You ſaid, that your Godfathers and Godmothers did promiſe for you, that you ſhould keep God's commandments. Tell me how many there be?

Anſw. Ten.

Queſt. Which be they?

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A Catechiſm.

Anſwer.

THE ſame which God ſpake in the twentieth Chapter of Exodus, ſaying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the houſe of bondage.

I. Thou ſhalt have none other gods but me.

II. Thou ſhalt not make to thyſelf any graven image, nor the likeneſs of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou ſhalt not bow down to them, nor worſhip them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and viſit the ſins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and ſhew mercy unto thouſands in them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltleſs that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days ſhalt thou

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labour, and do all that thou haſt to do; but the ſeventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou ſhalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, thy man-ſervant, and thy maid-ſervant, thy cattle, and the ſtranger that is within thy gates. For in ſix days the Lord made heaven and earth, the ſea and all that in them is, and reſted the ſeventh day; wherefore the Lord bleſſed the ſeventh day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou ſhalt do no murder.

VII. Thou ſhalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou ſhalt not ſteal.

IX. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour.

X. Thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbour's houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his ſervant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his aſs, nor any thing that is his.

Queſt. What doſt thou chiefly learn by theſe commandments?

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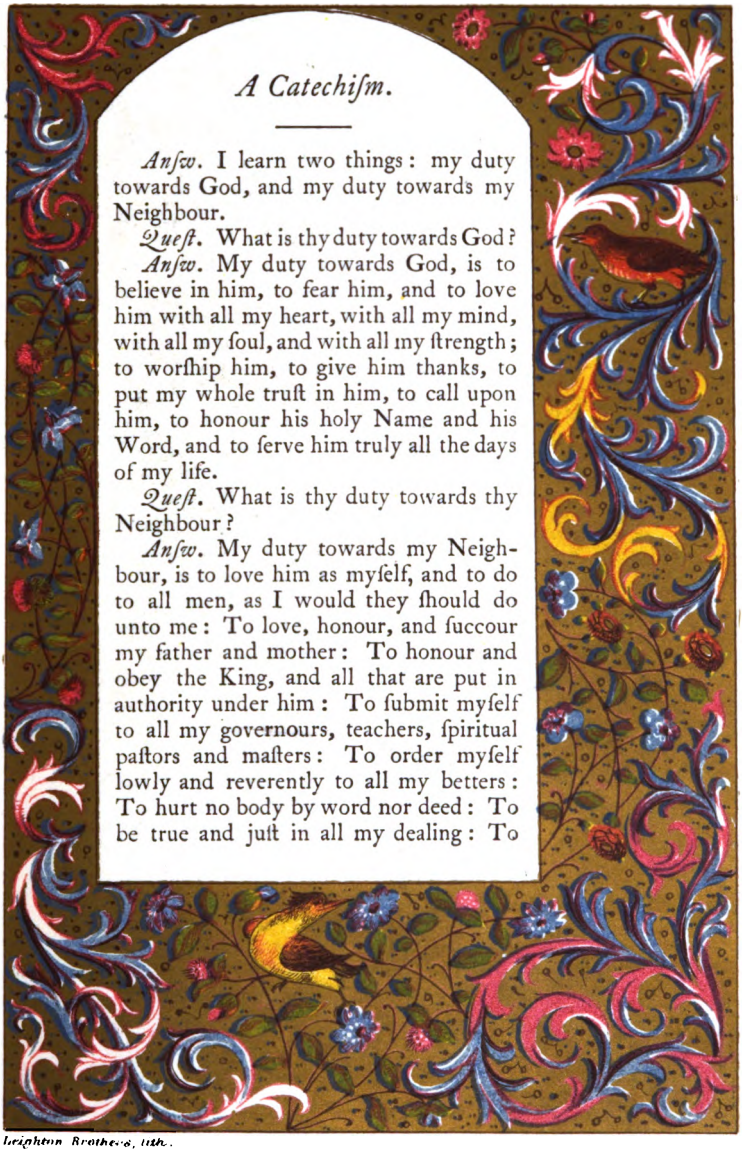

A Catechiſm.

Anſw. I learn two things: my duty towards God, and my duty towards my Neighbour.

Queſt. What is thy duty towards God?

Anſw. My duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him, and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my ſoul, and with all my ſtrength; to worſhip him, to give him thanks, to put my whole truſt in him, to call upon him, to honour his holy Name and his Word, and to ſerve him truly all the days of my life.

Queſt. What is thy duty towards thy Neighbour?

Anſw. My duty towards my Neighbour, is to love him as myſelf, and to do to all men, as I would they ſhould do unto me: To love, honour, and ſuccour my father and mother: To honour and obey the King, and all that are put in authority under him: To ſubmit myſelf to all my governours, teachers, ſpiritual paſtors and maſters: To order myſelf lowly and reverently to all my betters: To hurt no body by word nor deed: To be true and juſt in all my dealing: To

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bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from picking and ſtealing, and my tongue from evil-ſpeaking, lying, and ſlandering: To keep my body in temperance, ſoberneſs, and chaſtity: Not to covet nor deſire other men's goods; but to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, and to do my duty in that ſtate of life, unto which it ſhall pleaſe God to call me.

Catechiſt. My good Child, know this, that thou art not able to do theſe things of thyſelf, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to ſerve him, without his ſpecial grace; which thou muſt learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer. Let me hear therefore, if thou canſt ſay the Lord's Prayer.

Anſwer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, As we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead

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us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Queſt. What deſireſt thou of God in this Prayer?

Anſw. I deſire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodneſs, to ſend his grace unto me, and to all people; that we may worſhip him, ſerve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will ſend us all things that be needful both for our ſouls and bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our ſins; and that it will pleaſe him to ſave and defend us in all dangers ghoſtly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all ſin and wickedneſs, and from our ghoſtly enemy, and from everlaſting death. And this I truſt he will do of his mercy and goodneſs, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And therefore I ſay, Amen, So be it.

Queſtion.

HOW many Sacraments hath Chriſt ordained in his Church?

Anſw. Two only, as generally neceſſary to ſalvation, that is to ſay, Baptiſm, and the Supper of the Lord.

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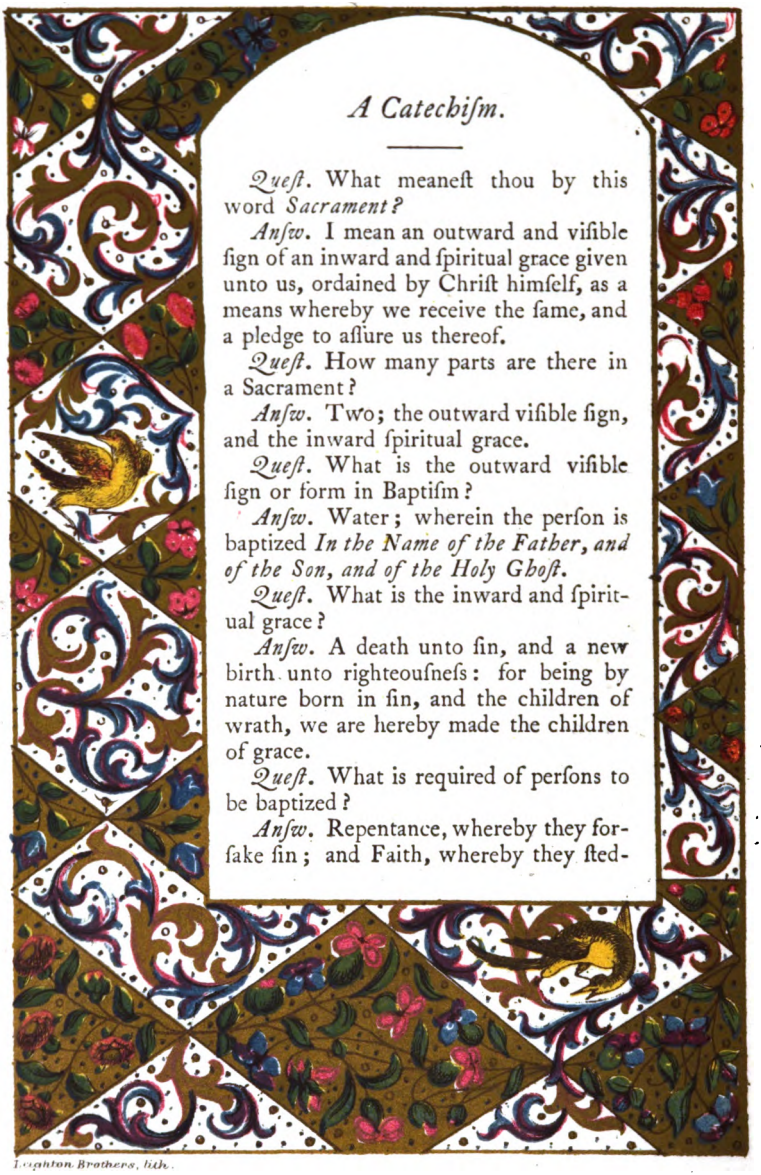

A Catechiſm.

Queſt. What meaneſt thou by this word *Sacrament?*

Anſw. I mean an outward and viſible ſign of an inward and ſpiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Chriſt himſelf, as a means whereby we receive the ſame, and a pledge to aſſure us thereof.

Queſt. How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

Anſw. Two; the outward viſible ſign, and the inward ſpiritual grace.

Queſt. What is the outward viſible ſign or form in Baptiſm?

Anſw. Water; wherein the perſon is baptized *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt.*

Queſt. What is the inward and ſpiritual grace?

Anſw. A death unto ſin, and a new birth unto righteouſneſs: for being by nature born in ſin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

Queſt. What is required of perſons to be baptized?

Anſw. Repentance, whereby they forſake ſin; and Faith, whereby they ſted-

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faſtly believe the promiſes of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Queſt. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reaſon of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Anſw. Becauſe they promiſe them both by their Sureties; which promiſe, when they come to age, themſelves are bound to perform.

Queſt. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

Anſw. For the continual remembrance of the ſacrifice of the death of Chriſt, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Queſt. What is the outward part or ſign of the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Queſt. What is the inward part, or thing ſignified?

Anſw. The Body and Blood of Chriſt, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Queſt. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Anſw. The ſtrengthening and refreſh-

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ing of our ſouls by the Body and Blood of Chriſt, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Queſt. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. To examine themſelves, whether they repent them truly of their former ſins, ſtedfaſtly purpoſing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Chriſt, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and be in charity with all men.

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